

IMPROVED HIGHWAYS**INCREASE IN MOTOR TRAFFIC**

Statistics Show Increase of 1,418,829
Cars Over 1918—Roads Must Be Maintained.

That the present interest in the construction of new highways should not divert attention from properly maintaining highways already improved is a point which the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, has had occasion to emphasize many times in recent months, particularly in view of the enormous increase in motor vehicle traffic which is taking place. The Bureau recently completed a compilation of statistics from all the states of the Union showing that there were a total of 7,545,446 registered motor cars (including motor cycles and trucks) in the United States in 1919. This was an increase of 23 per cent, or 1,418,829 motor cars over 1918. Such figures indicate that the country's highways are being used far more than in the past, it is pointed out, and in consequence added attention must be given to the repair problem. The increase in the number of cars for 1919 over 1918 represents about 10 per cent more cars than the total number registered in the entire United States for 1918.

Additional use of roads and streets has, of course, been accompanied by additional revenue paid to state and local governments in the form of license fees, which in nearly all states are devoted to highway needs. The registration and license fees for automobiles, trucks, and motor cycles in use in 1919 totaled \$64,937,255.58—an increase of 20 per cent over 1918. The total revenues for New York and Pennsylvania the past year were about double the revenues received for all motor vehicle registrations and licenses in the entire United States in 1918.

Certain of the states, notably Maryland, have experienced difficulty in securing road-building materials owing



How the Nation's Highways Are Being Improved.

to labor shortage, hampered transportation facilities, etc. Maryland has had to make a special appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission for aid in getting enough material shipped in to properly care for road repairs.

ALL RECEIVE SOME BENEFIT

Good Roads Are Advantageous Alike to Producer and Consumer—Storage Charges Less.

When the roads of the great producing zones of this country are improved, benefit will accrue not only to producers, but to consumers. When marketing is distributed throughout the year, storage charges must decline. This country is paying at present large storage prices on foodstuffs. The disadvantages of freight congestion in the fall cannot be entirely eliminated in many places, but good roads will certainly have a marked tendency to distribute hauling over longer periods.

It is reasonable to say, therefore, that good roads mean that diversified farming will be encouraged, the area of profitable production increased, the opportunity for favorable marketing improved, and more uniform distribution of farm products secured.

MUCH DEPENDS ON HIGHWAYS

Prospective Purchasers of Farm Is Concerned About Many Things, More Especially Roads.

A prospective purchaser of a farm is concerned about the adaptability of the soil to specific agricultural activities such as general farming, stock raising, dairying or market gardening, and must inquire into conditions affecting such industries. He is also concerned about suitable home life for his family, schools, churches and community social life, all of which are very much dependent upon roads.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot. Granted.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county on the 23rd day of August, 1921.

Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of HARRIET O. LANGWORTHY, Deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Charles Langworthy, of Ithaca, Michigan, appointed Administrator thereof.

It is ordered that the said estate be held from date of admission to probate for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard at said court on Friday, the 20th day of December, 1921.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Judge of Probate.

MILDRED E. TAFT, Register of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

At a session of said court held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county on the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1921.

Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of LEROY VAN DER MARK, Deceased.

Elmer Van Der Mark having been admitted to Probate, it is ordered that the administration of said estate be granted to William A. Radish of Alma, Michigan, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the said estate be held from date of admission to probate for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard at said court on Friday, the 20th day of October, 1921.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Judge of Probate.

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HEARING CLAIMS

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

At a session of said court held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county on the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1921.

Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of MELVIN E. COFFIN, Deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Dr. N. H. Hough of Alma, Michigan, appointed administrator thereof.

It is ordered that four months from the date of admission to probate for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard at said court on Friday, the 23rd day of January, 1922, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy.

Signed: JAMES G. KRESS, Judge of Probate.

MILDRED E. TAFT, Register of Probate.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Whereas, Elizabeth Kruger of Alma, Michigan, now and recently a widow, residing, beginning date of January 1, 1919, to J. Martin Buttles of Alma, Michigan, which was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Gratiot County on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1920, at 9 o'clock A. M., in book 100, page 100, in the name of A. M. Buttles, the amount claimed to be due and unpaid upon said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of \$1,459.25 plus interest and costs, and that no action has been instituted at law to recover the debt mentioned and secured thereon, and no proceedings secured thereon for six months past thereof.

And whereas, defense has been made in the answer of taxes and the money secured by the mortgage is held in trust for sale of same and the tax bill has been paid.

Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale, and in accordance with the statute, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court at the time and place, to receive notice of a hearing to sell the interest and estate in said real estate should be granted:

It is ordered that the 15th day of October, A. D. 1921, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the Probate Court of Gratiot County, on the 23rd day of October, A. D. 1921, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the description of which and premises contained in said mortgage, being located in the City of Alma, Michigan, according to the record book and page therein.

Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Judge of Probate.

MARTIN RENKLEY, Attorney for Mortgagor.

EDWARD & BRAUN, Attorneys for Mortgagor.

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Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of ANDREW WELCH, Deceased.

John D. Sullivan, Administrator of said estate, having filed in and court his petition for the release of the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

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Present: Hon. James G. Kress, Judge of Probate.

DR. NELSON F. MCCLINTON, Attorney for Mortgagor.

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